

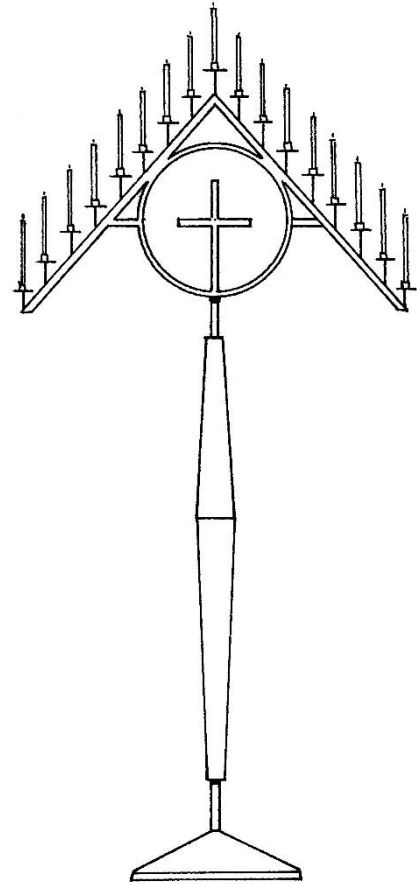
Office of Tenebrae



✦ *The Office of Tenebrae is simply the order of Matins (and Lauds) for the last three days of Holy Week. During the Three Days things are different from other times of the year. The church forbids herself the use of those formulas of joy and hope which begin her praise at other times of the year. No “O Lord, open my lips....” No “Make haste, O God, to deliver me....” No “Glory be to the Father...(Gloria Patri). The bare outline of the Office remains—psalms, lessons, and chants.*

✦ *A strict Tenebrae service includes a large triangular candle stick of 15 candles. At the end of each of the 13 psalms and two canticles, all of those fifteen candles are extinguished, except one. The six altar candles are extinguished as well. These candles remind us how all of his disciples deserted Jesus. That one candle is representative of Our Light, Jesus Christ. Christ’s glory was hid amidst darkness on the Cross that afternoon and then his visible presence was placed out of sight in a new tomb. In the midst of the darkness, that light is hid behind the altar during the recitation of Psalm 51 and a prayer. After a confused noise is heard, the candle is returned to the stand. That noise has been said to symbolize the opening of the tomb or the earthquake and the revelation that Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, shines as fair as always. Thus these afternoon services teach not only Christ’s suffering and death, but the upcoming celebration of the resurrection.*

✦ *The minister enters in silence. The service is conducted from the minister’s chair and a reading desk.*



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Maundy Thursday's Office of Tenebrae
Observed on Wednesday at 3 PM
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Psalm 69 —*Salvum me fac, Deus*

To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Lilies." A Psalm of David.

Psalm Tone II



Antiphon: BE-CAUSE || zeal for Your house has eaten me | up, | - *

And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fall- | en | on | me.

|| 1 Save me, O | God! | - *

For the waters have come up | to | my | neck.

|| 2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no | stand- | ing; *

I have come into deep waters, where the floods o- | ver- | flow | me.

|| 3 I am weary with my cry -ing; (+) My throat is | dry; | - *

My eyes fail while I wait | for | my | God.

|| 4 Those who hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my | head; | - *

They are mighty who would destroy me, being my enemies wrongfully; Though I
have stolen nothing, I still must | re- | store | it.

|| 5 O God, You know my | fool-ish- · | ness; *

And my sins are not hid- | den | from | You.

|| 6 Let not those who wait for You, O Lord God of hosts, be ashamed because of | me; | - *

Let not those who seek You be confounded because of me, O God of | Is- | ra- | el.

|| 7 Because for Your sake I have borne re- | proach; | - *

Shame has co- | vered | my | face.

|| 8 I have become a stranger to my | bro- | thers, *

And an alien to my mo- | ther's | child- | ren;

|| 9 Because zeal for Your house has eaten me | up, | - *

And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fall- | en | on | me.

|| 10 When I wept and chastened my soul with | fast- | ing, *

That became | my | re- | proach.

|| 11 I also made sackcloth my | gar- | ment; *

I became a by- | word | to | them.

|| 12 Those who sit in the gate speak a- | gainst | me, *

And I am the song of | the | drunk- | ards.

|| 13 But as for me, my prayer is to You, O Lord, in the acceptable | time; | - *

O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear me in the truth of Your | sal- | va- | tion.

|| 14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not | sink; | - *

Let me be delivered from those who hate me, and out of the | deep | wa- | ters.

|| 15 Let not the floodwater overflow *me*, (+) nor let the deep swallow me | up; | - *

And let not the pit shut its | mouth | on | me.

|| 16 Hear me, O Lord, for Your lovingkindness is | good; | - *

Turn to me according to the multitude of Your ten- | der | mer- | cies.

|| 17 And do not hide Your face from Your ser -vant, (+) for I am in | trou- | ble; *
 Hear me | speed- | i- | ly.
 || 18 Draw near to my soul, and re- | deem | it; *
 Deliver me because of my | en- | e- | mies.
 || 19 You know my reproach, my shame, and my dis- | hon- | or; *
 My adversaries are all | be- | fore | You.
 || 20 Reproach has broken my | heart, | - *
 And I am full of | heav- | i- | ness;
 || I looked for someone to take pity, but there was | none; | - *
 And for comforters, but | I | found | none.
 || 21 They also gave me gall for my | food, | - *
 And for my thirst they gave me vine- | gar | to | drink.
 || 22 Let their table become a snare before | them, | - *
 And their well-be- | ing | a | trap.
 || 23 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they do not | see; | - *
 And make their loins shake con- | tin- | u- | al- | ly.
 || 24 Pour out Your indignation up- | on | them, *
 And let Your wrathful anger take | hold | of | them.
 || 25 Let their dwelling place be | de-so- | late; *
 Let no one live | in | their | tents.
 || 26 For they persecute the ones You have | struck, | - *
 And talk of the grief of those You | have | wound- | ed.
 || 27 Add iniquity to their in- | i- | qui- | ty, *
 And let them not come into Your | right- | eous- | ness.
 || 28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the | liv- | ing, *
 And not be written with | the | right- | eous.
 || 29 But I am poor and | sor-row- | ful; *
 Let Your salvation, O God, set me | up | on | high.
 || 30 I will praise the name of God with a | song, | - *
 And will magnify Him with | thanks- | giv- | ing.
 || 31 This also shall please the | Lord | - *
 better than an ox or bull, which has | horns | and | hooves.
 || 32 The humble shall see this and be | glad; | - *
 And you who seek God, your | hearts | shall | live.
 || 33 For the Lord hears the | poor, | - *
 And does not despise His | pri- | son- | ers.
 || 34 Let heaven and earth | praise | Him, *
 The seas and everything that | moves | in | them.
 || 35 For God will save Zion and build the cities of | Ju- | dah, *
 That they may dwell there and | pos- | sess | it.
 || 36 Also, the descendants of His servants shall in- | her- | it | it, *
 And those who love His name shall | dwell | in | it.

(Gloria Patri is omitted.)

Antiphon: || Because zeal for Your house has eaten me | up, | - *
 And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fall- | en | on | me. (*Psalm*
69:9)

(A candle is extinguished)

Psalm 70 $\hat{\text{B}}$ —*Deus, in adjutorium*
To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

Psalm Tone III



Antiphon: LET **THEM** - || be turned back and confused who | de- | sire | **my** | hurt. - *

Let them be turned back because | of | their | **shame**, |

|| 1 Make haste, O God, to | de- | liv- | **er** - | me! *

Make haste to help | me, | O | **Lord!** -

|| 2 Let them be ashamed and confounded | who | seek | **my** - | life; *

Let them be turned back and confused who de- | sire | my | **hurt.** -

|| 3 Let them be turned back because of | their | shame, | **who** - | say, *

—A- | ha, | a- | **ha!**|| -

|| 4 Let all those who seek You rejoice and | be | glad | **in** - | You; *

And let those who love Your salvation say continually, —Let God be | mag- | ni- |

fied! -

|| 5 But I am poor and need -y; (+) Make haste | to | me, | **O** - | God! *

You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do | not | de- | **lay.** -

(Gloria Patri is omitted.)

Antiphon: || Let them be turned back and confused who | de- | sire | **my** | hurt. - *

Let them be turned back because | of | their | **shame**, (*Psalm 70:2b-3a*)

(A candle is extinguished)

Psalm 71 $\hat{\text{B}}$ —*In te, Domine, speravi*
 Psalm Tone VIII



Antiphon: DE- LIV- || er me, O my God, out of the hand of the | wick- | ed, *

Out of the hand of the unright- | eous | and | *cruel* | man.

|| 1 In You, O Lord, I put my | trust; | - *

Let me never | be | put | to | shame.

|| 2 Deliver me in Your righteousness, and cause me to es- | cape; | - *

Incline Your ear to | me, | and | save | me.

|| 3 Be my strong refuge, to which I may resort con- | *tin-u-al-* • | ly; *

You have given the commandment to save me, for You are my rock | and | my |

for- | tress.

|| 4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the | wick- | ed, *

Out of the hand of the unrighteous | and | *cru-* | el | man.

|| 5 For You are my hope, O Lord | God; | - *

You are my | trust | from | my | youth.

|| 6 By You I have been upheld from | birth; | - *

You are He who took me out of my mother's womb. My praise shall be contin- |

u-al- • | ly | of | You.

- || 7 I have become as a wonder to | man- | y, *
 But You are | my | strong | re- | fuge.
- || 8 Let my mouth be filled with Your | praise | - *
 And with Your glo- | ry | all | the | day.
- || 9 Do not cast me off in the time of old | age; | - *
 Do not forsake me | when | my | strength | fails.
- || 10 For my enemies speak a- | gainst | me; *
 And those who lie in wait for my life take coun- | sel | to- | geth- | er,
- || 11 Saying, —God has for- | *sak-en* • | him; *
 Pursue and take him, for there is none to | de- | liv- | er | him.
- || 12 O God, do not be far | from | me; *
 O my God, make | haste | to | help | me!
- || 13 Let them be confounded and consumed who are adversaries of my | life; | - *
 Let them be covered with reproach and dishonor | who | seek | my | hurt.
- || 14 But I will hope con- | *tin-u-al* - • | ly, *
 And will praise You | yet | more | and | more.
- || 15 My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness and Your salvation all the | day, | - *
 For I do not | know | their | lim- | its.
- || 16 I will go in the strength of the Lord | God; | - *
 I will make mention of Your righteousness, | of | Yours | on- | ly.
- || 17 O God, You have taught me from my | youth; | - *
 And to this day I declare | Your | won- | drous | works.
- || 18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, do not for- | sake | me, *
 Until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to everyone | who | is
 | to | come.
- || 19 Also Your righteousness, O God, is very | high, | - *
 You who have done great things; O God, | who | is | like | You?
- || 20 You, who have shown me great and severe troubles, shall revive me a- | gain, | - *
 And bring me up again from the | depths | of | the | earth.
- || 21 You shall increase my | great- | ness, *
 And comfort me | on | ev- | *er-y* • | side.
- || 22 Also with the lute I will praise *you* (+) —and Your faithfulness, O my | God! | - *
 To You I will sing with the harp, O Holy One | of | Is- | ra- | el.
- || 23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing to | You, | - *
 And my soul, which | You | have | re- | deemed.
- || 24 My tongue also shall talk of Your righteousness all the day | long; | - *
 For they are confounded, for they are brought to shame | who | seek | my | hurt.

(Gloria Patri is omitted.)

Antiphon: || Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the | wick- | ed, *

Out of the hand of the unright- | eous | and | *cruel* | man. (*Psalm 71:4*)

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The Lessons

Pastor: A Reading from the Lamentation of Jeremiah the Prophet.

Lamentations 1:1-14 (NKJV)

¹ How lonely sits the city *That was* full of people!

How like a widow is she, Who *was* great among the nations!
 The princess among the provinces Has become a slave!
² She weeps bitterly in the night, Her tears *are* on her cheeks;
 Among all her lovers She has none to comfort *her*.
 All her friends have dealt treacherously with her; They have become her enemies.
³ Judah has gone into captivity, Under affliction and hard servitude;
 She dwells among the nations, She finds no rest;
 All her persecutors overtake her in dire straits.
⁴ The roads to Zion mourn Because no one comes to the set feasts.
 All her gates are desolate; Her priests sigh,
 Her virgins are afflicted, And she *is* in bitterness.
⁵ Her adversaries have become the master, Her enemies prosper;
 For the LORD has afflicted her Because of the multitude of her transgressions.
 Her children have gone into captivity before the enemy.
⁶ And from the daughter of Zion All her splendor has departed.
 Her princes have become like deer *That* find no pasture,
 That flee without strength Before the pursuer.
⁷ In the days of her affliction and roaming,
 Jerusalem remembers all her pleasant things That she had in the days of old.
 When her people fell into the hand of the enemy, With no one to help her,
 The adversaries saw her *And* mocked at her downfall.
⁸ Jerusalem has sinned gravely, Therefore she has become vile.
 All who honored her despise her Because they have seen her nakedness;
 Yes, she sighs and turns away.
⁹ Her uncleanness *is* in her skirts; She did not consider her destiny;
 Therefore her collapse was awesome; She had no comforter.
 “O LORD, behold my affliction, For *the* enemy is exalted!”
¹⁰ The adversary has spread his hand Over all her pleasant things;
 For she has seen the nations enter her sanctuary,
 Those whom You commanded Not to enter Your assembly.
¹¹ All her people sigh, They seek bread;
 They have given their valuables for food to restore life.
 “See, O LORD, and consider, For I am scorned.”
¹² “*Is it* nothing to you, all you who pass by?
 Behold and see If there is any sorrow like my sorrow, Which has been brought on me,
 Which the LORD has inflicted In the day of His fierce anger.
¹³ “From above He has sent fire into my bones, And it overpowered them;
 He has spread a net for my feet And turned me back;
 He has made me desolate *And* faint all the day.
¹⁴ “The yoke of my transgressions was bound; They were woven together by His
 hands,
And thrust upon my neck. He made my strength fail;
 The Lord delivered me into the hands of *those whom* I am not able to withstand.

Pastor: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

Responsory: "The Royal Banners Forward Go"

The Royal Banners Forward Go

(CHORALE)



1 The roy - al ban - ners for - ward go; The cross shines
forth in mys - tic glow Where he in flesh, our flesh who
made, Our sen - tence bore, our ran - som paid:

2 Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
Life's torrent rushing from his side,
To wash us in that precious flood
Where mingled water flowed and blood.

3 Fulfilled is all that David told
In true prophetic song of old;
Amid the nations, God, said he,
Has reigned and triumphed from the tree.

Pastor: A Reading from St. Paul, the Apostle's First Epistle to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 11:17-34 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Now in giving these instructions I do not praise *you*, since you come together not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸ For first of all, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you, and in part I believe it. ¹⁹ For there must also be factions among you, that those who are approved may be recognized among you. ²⁰ Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper. ²¹ For in eating, each one takes his own supper ahead of *others*; and one is hungry and another is drunk. ²² What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and shame those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise *you*.

²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread; ²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke *it* and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." ²⁵ In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

²⁷ Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks *this* cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. ³⁰ For this reason many *are* weak and sick among you, and many sleep. ³¹ For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged, we are chastened by the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world.

³³ Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. ³⁴ But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, lest you come together for judgment. And the rest I will set in order when I come.

Pastor: The ancients of the people consulted together, How they might by craft,
apprehend Jesus, and kill him; they went forth with swords and clubs as to a thief.

Responsory: "The Royal Banners Forward Go"

4 O tree of beauty, tree of light,
O tree with royal purple dight,*
Elect, on whose triumphal breast
Those holy limbs should find their rest;

★ 5 On whose dear arms, so widely flung,
The weight of this world's Ransom hung
The price of humankind to pay
And spoil the Spoiler of his prey.

6 O cross, our one reliance, hail!
So may your power with us avail
To give new virtue to the saint
And pardon to the penitent.

* dight = adorned

7. "To you, eter-nal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done,
By all you ransomed and restore;
Oh, guide and gladden evermore." (*stanza 7 from #168, The Lutheran Hymnal*):

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The Sermon

Cantemus Domino (*Canticle of Moses*)

Exodus 15:1-2, 6, 11, 13, 17-18

Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the Lord, and spoke, saying:

Psalm Tone VIII



Antiphon: YOU HAVE || encouraged us by your | pow- | er*
And by your holy re- | fresh- | ment, | O | Lord.
|| 1 I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed | *glo-ri-ous- ·* | ly! *
The horse and its rider He has thrown | in- | to | the | sea!
|| 2 The Lord is my strength and | song, | - *
And He has become | my | sal- | va- | tion;
|| He is my God, and I will | praise | Him; *
My father's God, and I | will | ex- | alt | Him.
|| 6 Your right hand, O Lord, has become glorious in | pow- | er; *
Your right hand, O Lord, has dashed the ene- | my | in | piec- | es.
|| 11 Who is like You, O Lord, among the | gods? | - *
Who is like You, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, | do- | ing | won- | ders?
|| 13 You in Your mercy have led forth the people whom You have re- | deemed; | - *
You have guided them in Your strength to Your holy | hab- | i- | ta- | tion.
|| 17 You will bring them in and plant them in the mountain of Your in- | *her-i- ·* | tance, *
In the place, O Lord, which You have made for Your own dwelling, the
sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands | have | es- | tab- | lished.
|| 18 The Lord shall | reign | - *
Forev- | er | and | ev- | er.

(The Gloria Patri is omitted.)

Antiphon: You have encouraged us by your | pow- | er*
And by your holy re- | fresh- | ment, | O | Lord. (*Antiphon*)
(A candle is extinguished)

Psalm 147:1-11 ♩ —*Laudate Dominum*

Psalm Tone I



Antiphon: HE WAS - || offered because it | was | His | own | will,*
And He Him- | self | bore | **our** | sins.
|| 1 Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing prais- | es | to | our | God; *
For it is pleasant, and praise | is | beau- | **ti-** - | ful.
|| 2 The Lord builds | up | Je- | *ru-sa- ·* | lem; *
He gathers together the out- | casts | of | **Is- - ra- ·** | el.
|| 3 He heals the | bro- | ken- | heart- | ed *
And | binds | up | **their** - | wounds.

- || 4 He counts the num- | ber | of | the | stars; *
He calls | them | all | **by** - | name.
- || 5 Great is our Lord, and might- | y | in | pow- | er; *
His understanding | is | in- | **fi**- - | nite.
- || 6 The Lord lifts | up | the | hum- | ble; *
He casts the wicked | down | to | **the** - | ground.
- || 7 Sing to the Lord | with | thanks- | giv- | ing; *
Sing praises on the | harp | to | **our** - | God,
- || 8 Who covers the heavens with clouds, Who prepares | rain | for | the | earth, *
Who makes grass to grow | on | the | **moun**- - | tains.
- || 9 He gives to | the | beast | its | food, *
And to the young | rav- | ens | **that** - | cry.
- || 10 He does not delight in the | strength | of | the | horse; *
He takes no pleasure in the | legs | of | **a** - | man.
- || 11 The Lord takes pleasure in | those | who | fear | Him, *
In those who hope | in | His | **mer**- - | cy.

(The Gloria Patri is omitted.)


*Antiphon: HE WAS - || offered because it | was | His | own | will,**

*And He Him- | self | bore | **our** | sins. (Antiphon)*

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The Service continues with the
Canticle of Zechariah(Benedictus) on page 26.

**Good Friday's Office of Tenebrae
Observed on Thursday at 3 PM
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Psalm 2  —*Quare fremuerunt gentes*

Psalm Tone V



Antiphon: THE KINGS || of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel to- | ge- | ther, *

Against the Lord and against | His | A- | noint- | ed (Antiphon)

|| 1 Why do the nations | rage, | - *

And the people | plot | a | vain | thing?

|| 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel to- | ge- | ther, *

Against the Lord and against His A- | noint- | ed, | say- | ing,

|| 3 —Let us break their bonds in | piec- | es *

And cast away | their | cords | from | us.

|| 4 He who sits in the heavens shall | laugh; | - *

The Lord shall hold them | in | de- | ri- | sion.

|| 5 Then He shall speak to them in His | wrath, | - *

And distress them in His | deep | dis- | plea- | sure:

|| 6 —Yet I have set My | King | - *

On My holy | hill | of | Zi- | on.

|| 7 —I will declare the de- | cree: | - *

The Lord has said to Me, “You are My Son, today I have | be- | got- | ten | You.

|| 8 Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your in- | *her-it-* | ance, *

And the ends of the earth for | Your | pos- | ses- | sion.

|| 9 You shall break them with a rod of | i- | ron; *

You shall dash them to pieces like a | pot- | ter’s | ves- | sel.

|| 10 Now therefore, be wise, O | kings; | - *

Be instructed, you judg- | es | of | the | earth.

|| 11 Serve the Lord with | fear, | - *

And re- | joice | with | trem- | bling.

|| 12 Kiss the Son, lest He be an -gry, (+) and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a | lit- | tle. *


Blessèd are all those who put | their | trust | in | Him.

(The Gloria Patri is omitted.)

Antiphon: || The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel to- | ge- | ther, *

Against the Lord and against | His | A- | noint- | ed (Antiphon from Psalm 2:2)

(A candle is extinguished)

Psalm 22  —*Deus, Deus meus*

To the Chief Musician. Set to "The Deer of the Dawn." A Psalm of David.

Psalm Tone II



Antiphon: THEY DI - || vide My garments a- | mong | them, *

And for My clothing | they | cast | lots.

|| 1 My God, My God, why have You for- | *sak-en* • | Me? *

Why are You so far from helping Me, and from the words of | My | groan- | ing?

|| 2 O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not | hear; | - *

And in the night season, and am | not | si- | lent.

|| 3 But You are | ho- | ly, *

Enthroned in the praises of | Is- | ra- | el.

|| 4 Our fathers trusted in | You; | - *

They trusted, and You de- | liv- | ered | them.

|| 5 They cried to You, and were de- | li- | vered; *

They trusted in You, and were | not | a- | shamed.

|| 6 But I am a worm, and no | man; | - *

A reproach of men, and despised by | the | peo- | ple.

|| 7 All those who see Me ridicule | Me; | - *

They shoot out the lip, they shake the | head, | say- | ing,

|| 8 —He trusted in the Lord, let Him rescue | Him; | - *

Let Him deliver Him, since He de- | lights | in | Him!

|| 9 But You are He who took Me out of the | womb; | - *

You made Me trust while on My | mo- | ther's | breasts.

|| 10 I was cast upon You from | birth. | - *

From My mother's womb You have | been | My | God.

|| 11 Be not far from Me, for trouble is | near; | - *

For there is | none | to | help.

|| 12 Many bulls have surrounded | Me; | - *

Strong bulls of Bashan have en- | cir- | cled | Me.

|| 13 They gape at Me with their | mouths, | - *

Like a raging and roar- | ing | li- | on.

|| 14 I am poured out like wa - *ter*, (+) and all My bones are out of | joint; | - *

My heart is like wax; It has melted | with- | in | Me.

|| 15 My strength is dried up like a pot - *sherd*, (+) and My tongue clings to My | jaws; | - *

You have brought Me to the | dust | of | death.

|| 16 For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed | Me. | - *

They pierced My hands | and | My | feet;

|| 17 I can count all My | bones. | - *

They look and | stare | at | Me.

|| 18 They divide My garments a- | mong | them, *

And for My clothing | they | cast | lots.

|| 19 But You, O Lord, do not be far from | Me; | - *

O My Strength, hasten | to | help | Me!

- || 20 Deliver Me from the | sword, | - *
 My precious life from the power | of | the | dog.
- || 21 Save Me from the lion's | mouth | - *
 And from the horns of the wild oxen! You have | an- | swered | Me.
- || 22 I will declare Your name to My | breath- | ren; *
 In the midst of the assembly I | will | praise | You.
- || 23 You who fear the Lord, praise *Him!* (+) All you descendants of Jacob, glorify | Him, | - *
 And fear Him, all you offspring of | Is- | ra- | el!
- || 24 For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the af- | flict- | ed; *
 Nor has He hidden His face from Him; But when He cried to | Him, | He | heard.
- || 25 My praise shall be of You in the great as- | sem- | bly; *
 I will pay My vows before those | who | fear | Him.
- || 26 The poor shall eat and be | *sa-tis-* | fied; *
 Those who seek Him will praise the Lord. Let your heart live | for- | ev- | er!
- || 27 All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the | Lord, | - *
 And all the families of the nations shall worship | be- | fore | You.
- || 28 For the kingdom is the | Lord's, | - *
 And He rules over | the | na- | tions.
- || 29 All the prosperous of the earth shall eat and | wor- | ship; *
 All those who go down to the dust shall bow before Him, even he who cannot
 keep him- | self | a- | live.
- || 30 A posterity shall | serve | Him. *
 It will be recounted of the Lord to the next gen- | er- | a- | tion,
- || 31 They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be | born, | - *
 That He | has | done | this.

(The Gloria Patri is omitted.)

Antiphon: || They divide My garments a- | mong | them, *
 And for My clothing | they | cast | lots. (*Psalm 22:18*)
(A candle is extinguished)

Psalm 27 $\hat{\text{b}}$ —*Dominus illuminatio mea*
A Psalm of David.
 Psalm Tone IV



- Antiphon:* FOR **FALSE** - || witnesses have ri- | sen | a- | gainst | me, *
 and such as | breathe | out | vi- | o- | lence.
- || 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom | shall | I | fear? | - *
 The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom | shall | I | be | a- | fraid?
- || 2 When the wicked came against me to eat up my flesh, my ene- | mies | and | foes, | - *
 They |stum- | — | bled | and | fell.
- || 3 Though an army may encamp against me, my heart | shall | not | fear; | - *
 Though war should rise against me, in this I | will | be | con- | fi- | dent.
- || 4 One thing I have desired of the Lord, that | will | I | seek: | - *

- That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to in- | quire | in | His | tem- | ple.
- || 5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in | His | pa- | vi- | lion; *
In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me | high | up- | on | a | rock.
- || 6 And now my head shall be lifted *up* (+) above my enemies | all | a- | round | me; *
Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing | prais- | es | to | the | Lord.
- || 7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry | with | my | voice! | - *
Have mercy also upon | me, | and | ans- | wer | me.
- || 8 When You said, | —Seek | My | face, | - *
My heart said to You, —Your | face, | Lord, | I | will | seek.
- || 9 Do not hide Your face from *me*; (+) Do not turn Your servant a- | way | in | an- | ger; *
You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God | of | my | sal- | va- | tion.
- || 10 When my father and my moth- | er | for- | sake | me, *
Then the Lord | will | take | care | of | me.
- || 11 Teach me Your | way, | O | Lord, | - *
And lead me in a smooth path, because | of | my | en- | e- | mies.
- || 12 Do not deliver me to the will of my | ad- | ver- | sa- | ries; *
For false witnesses have risen against me, and such as | breathe | out | vi- | o- | lence.
- || 13 I would | have | lost | heart, | - *
unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the | land | of | the | liv- | ing.
- || 14 Wait on the Lord; Be of good cour-*age*, (+) and He shall streng- | then | your | heart; | - *

(The Gloria Patri is omitted.)

Antiphon: || For false witnesses have ri- | sen | a- | gainst | me, *
and such as | breathe | out | vi- | o- | lence. (*Psalm 27:12b*)

(A candle is extinguished)

The Lessons

Pastor: A Reading from the Lamentation of Jeremiah the Prophet.

Lamentations 2:8-15 (NKJV)

⁸ The LORD has purposed to destroy The wall of the daughter of Zion.
He has stretched out a line; He has not withdrawn His hand from destroying;
Therefore He has caused the rampart and wall to lament; They languished together.

⁹ Her gates have sunk into the ground; He has destroyed and broken her bars.
Her king and her princes *are* among the nations; The Law *is no more*,
And her prophets find no vision from the LORD.

¹⁰ The elders of the daughter of Zion Sit on the ground *and* keep silence;
They throw dust on their heads And gird themselves with sackcloth.
The virgins of Jerusalem Bow their heads to the ground.

¹¹ My eyes fail with tears, My heart is troubled;
My bile is poured on the ground Because of the destruction of the daughter of my people,

Because the children and the infants Faint in the streets of the city.

¹² They say to their mothers, “Where *is* grain and wine?”

As they swoon like the wounded In the streets of the city,

As their life is poured out In their mothers’ bosom.

¹³ How shall I console you? To what shall I liken you, O daughter of Jerusalem?

What shall I compare with you, that I may comfort you, O virgin daughter of Zion?

For your ruin *is* spread wide as the sea; Who can heal you?

¹⁴ Your prophets have seen for you False and deceptive visions;

They have not uncovered your iniquity, To bring back your captives,

But have envisioned for you false prophecies and delusions.

¹⁵ All who pass by clap *their* hands at you;

They hiss and shake their heads At the daughter of Jerusalem:

“*Is* this the city that is called ‘The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth’?”

Lamentations 3:1-9 (NKJV)

¹ I *am* the man *who* has seen affliction by the rod of His wrath.

² He has led me and made *me* walk *In* darkness and not *in* light.

³ Surely He has turned His hand against me Time and time again throughout the day.

⁴ He has aged my flesh and my skin, And broken my bones.

⁵ He has besieged me And surrounded *me* with bitterness and woe.

⁶ He has set me in dark places Like the dead of long ago.

⁷ He has hedged me in so that I cannot get out; He has made my chain heavy.

⁸ Even when I cry and shout, He shuts out my prayer.

⁹ He has blocked my ways with hewn stone; He has made my paths crooked.

Pastor: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

Responsory: “The Royal Banners Forward Go”

(printed on next page)

The Royal Banners Forward Go

(CHORALE)

1 The roy - al ban - ners for - ward go; The cross shines
forth in mys - tic glow Where he in flesh, our flesh who
made, Our sen - tence bore, our ran - som paid:

2 Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
Life's torrent rushing from his side,
To wash us in that precious flood
Where mingled water flowed and blood.

3 Fulfilled is all that David told
In true prophetic song of old;
Amid the nations, God, said he,
Has reigned and triumphed from the tree.

Pastor: A Reading from St. Paul, the Apostle's Epistle to the Hebrews.

Hebrews 4:11-5:6 (NKJV)

¹¹ Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

¹² For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.

¹⁴ Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

¹ For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things *pertaining* to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. ³ Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer *sacrifices* for sins.

⁴ And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵ So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, *but it was He* who said to Him:

“You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.”

⁶ As *He* also says in another *place*:

“You *are* a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek”;

Pastor: My eyes are darkened by my tears, for he is far from me that comforted me. See all ye people, if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.

Responsory:

4 O tree of beauty, tree of light,
O tree with royal purple dight,*
Elect, on whose triumphal breast
Those holy limbs should find their rest;

★ 5 On whose dear arms, so widely flung,
The weight of this world's Ransom hung
The price of humankind to pay
And spoil the Spoiler of his prey.

6 O cross, our one reliance, hail!
So may your power with us avail
To give new virtue to the saint
And pardon to the penitent.

* dight = adorned

7. “To you, eter-nal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done,
By all you ransomed and restore;
Oh, guide and gladden evermore.” (*stanza 7 from #168, The Lutheran Hymnal*):

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The Sermon

Domini, Audivi (Canticle of Habakkuk)

Habakkuk 3:2-6, 13, 18-19a, c

A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, on Shigionoth.

Psalm Tone III



Antiphon: WHEN **MY** - || soul shall be in | trou- | ble, | **O** | Lord!*

You will be mindful of | your | mer- | **cy.**

|| 2 O Lord, I have heard your speech | and | was | **a**- | fraid; *

O Lord, revive Your work in the midst | of | the | **years!** -

|| In the midst of the | years | make | **it** - | known; *

In wrath remem- | ber | mer- | **cy.** -

|| 3 God | came | from | **Te**- | man, *

The Holy One from | Mount | Pa- | **ran.** -

Selah

|| His glory co- | vered | the | **heav**- | ens, *

And the earth was full | of | His | **praise.** -

|| 4 His brightness was like the *light*; (+) He had rays flash- | ing | from | **His** - | hand, *

And there His power | was | hid- | **den.** -

|| 5 Before Him | went | pest- | **i**- | lence, *

And fever followed | at | His | **feet.** -

|| 6 He stood and | mea- | sured | **the** - | earth; *

He looked and startled | the | na- | **tions.** -

|| And the everlasting mountains were scattered, the per- | pe- | *tu-al* · | **hills** - | bowed. *

His ways are ev- | er- | last- | **ing.** -

|| 13 You went forth for the salvation | of | Your | **peo**- | ple, *

For salvation with Your | A- | noint- | **ed.** -

|| You struck the head from the house | of | the | **wick**- | ed, *

By laying bare from founda- | tion | to | **neck.** -

Selah

|| 18 Yet I will re- | joice | in | **the** - | Lord, *

I will joy in the God of my | sal- | va- | **tion.** -

|| 19 The Lord | God | is | **my** - | strength; *


And He will make me walk on | my | high | **hills.** -

(The Gloria Patri is omitted.)

Antiphon: || When my soul shall be in | trou- | ble, | **O** | Lord!*

You will be mindful of | your | mer- | **cy.**

(A candle is extinguished)

Psalm 147:12-20  —*Laudate Dominum*

Psalm Tone I



Antiphon: LORD, **RE-** || -- | mem- | ber | **me -** ,
When you come in- | to | Your | **king-** | dom.
|| 12 Praise the Lord, | O | Je- | *ru-sa-* • | lem! *
Praise your | God, | O | **Zi-** - | on!
|| 13 For He has strengthened the | bars | of | your | gates; *
He has blessed your child- | ren | with- | **in** - | you.
|| 14 He makes peace | in | your | bor- | ders, *
And fills you with | the | fin- | **est** - | wheat.
|| 15 He sends out His com- | mand | to | the | earth; *
His word runs | ver- | y | **swift-** - | ly.
|| 16 He | gives | snow | like | wool; *
He scatters the | frost | like | **ash-** - | es;
|| 17 He casts out His | hail | like | mor- | sels; *
Who can stand | be- | fore | **His** - | cold?
|| 18 He sends out His | word | and | melts | them; *
He causes His wind to blow, and | the | wa- | **ters** - | flow.
|| 19 He declares His | word | to | Ja- | cob, *
His statutes and His judg- | ments | to | **Is- - ra-** • | el.
|| 20 He has not dealt thus with | an- | y | na- | tion; *
And as for His judgments, they have not known them. | Praise | — | **the** - | Lord!

(The Gloria Patri is omitted.)


Antiphon: || Lord, re- | mem- | ber | **me -** ,
When you come in- | to | Your | **king-** | dom. (*Luke 23:42*)

(A candle is extinguished)

The Service continues with the
Canticle of Zechariah(Benedictus) on page 26.

**Holy Saturday's Office of Tenebrae
Observed on Friday at 3 PM**



Psalm 4  —Cum invocarem, exaudivit

To the Chief Musician. With stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.

Psalm Tone I



Antiphon: I **WILL** - || both lie down | in | peace, | and | sleep; *

For You alone, O Lord, make me | dwell | in | **safe-** - | ty.

|| 1 Hear me when I call, O God of | my | right- | eous- | ness! *

You have relieved me in my distress; Have mercy on me, | and | hear | **my** - | pray-
er. ·

|| 2 How long, O you sons of men, will you turn my | glo- | ry | to | shame? *

How long will you love worthlessness | and | seek | **false-** - | hood? Selah

|| 3 But know that the Lord has set apart for Himself him | who | is | god- | ly; *

The Lord will hear when | I | call | **to** - | Him.

|| 4 Be angry, | and | do | not | sin. *

Meditate within your heart on your | bed, | and | **be** - | still. Selah

|| 5 Offer the sacrifices | of | right- | eous- | ness, *

And put your | trust | in | **the** - | Lord.

|| 6 There are many who say, —Who will show | us | an- | y | good?| *

Lord, lift up the light of Your counte- | nance | up- | **on** - | us.

|| 7 You have put glad- | ness | in | my | heart, *

More than in the season that their grain | and | wine | **in-** - | creased.

|| 8 I will both lie down | in | peace, | and | sleep; *


For You alone, O Lord, make me | dwell | in | **safe-** - | ty.

(Gloria Patri is omitted.)

Antiphon: || I will both lie down | in | peace, | and | sleep; *

For You alone, O Lord, make me | dwell | in | **safe-** - | ty. (Psalm 4:8)

(A candle is extinguished)

Psalm 15  —Domine, quis habitabit?

A Psalm of David.

Psalm Tone VIII



Antiphon: HE SHALL || abide in Your taber- || na- cle. *

He shall dwell in | your | ho- | ly | hill.

|| 1 Lord, who may abide in Your taber- | na- | cle? *

Who may dwell in | Your | ho- | ly | hill?


|| 2 He who walks uprightly, and works | right-eous- · | ness, *

And speaks the | truth | in | his | heart;

|| 3 He who does not backbite with his tongue, nor does evil to his | neigh- | bor, *
 Nor does he take up a reproach | a- | gainst | his | friend;
 || 4 In whose eyes a vile person is de -spised, (+) but he honors those who fear the | Lord;
 | - *
 He who swears to his own hurt | and | does | not | change;
 || 5 He who does not put out his money at usury, nor does he take a bribe against the | in-
 no- • | cent. *
 He who does these things shall | nev- | er | be | moved.

(Gloria Patri is omitted.)

Antiphon: || He shall abide in Your taber- | na- | cle. *
 He shall dwell in | your | ho- | ly | hill. (Antiphon)
(A candle is extinguished)

Psalm 16  —*Conserva me, Domine*
A Michtam of David.
 Psalm Tone IV



Antiphon: **MY HEART** - || is glad, and my glo- | ry | re- | joi- | ces; *
 My flesh al- | so | will | rest | in | hope.
 || 1 Preserve | me, | O | God, | - *
 for in | You | I | put | my | trust.
 || 2 O my soul, you have said to the Lord, —You | are | my | Lord, | - *
 My goodness is noth- | ing | a- | part | from | You.”
 || 3 As for the saints who are on the earth, —They are the ex- | cel- | lent | ones, | - *
 in whom | is | all | my | de- | light. |
 || 4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after an- | o- | ther | god; | - *
 Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, nor take up | their | names | on | my
 | lips.
 || 5 O Lord, You are the portion of my inheritance | and | my | cup; | - *
 You | — | main- | tain | my | lot.
 || 6 The lines have fallen to me in | pleas- | ant | pla- | ces; *
 Yes, I have a | good | in- | her- | i- | tance.
 || 7 I will bless the Lord who has giv- | en | me | coun- | sel; *
 My heart also instructs me | in | the | night | sea- | sons.
 || 8 I have set the Lord al- | ways | be- | fore | me; *
 Because He is at my right hand | I | shall | not | be | moved.
 || 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glo- | ry | re- | joi- | ces; *
 My flesh al- | so | will | rest | in | hope.
 || 10 For You will not leave my | soul | in | She- | ol, *
 Nor will You allow Your Holy One | to | see | cor- | rup- | tion.
 || 11 You will show me the | path | of | life; | - *

In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forever more.

(Gloria Patri is omitted.)

Antiphon: My heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; *

My flesh also will rest in hope. (*Antiphon from Ps. 16:9*)

(A candle is extinguished)

V. In peace I will both lie down and sleep;

R. FOR YOU ALONE, O LORD, MAKE ME DWELL IN SAFETY.

The Lessons

Pastor: A Reading from the Lamentation of Jeremiah the Prophet.

(Lamentations 3:22, 4:1-6, 5:1-11 is read)

Lamentations 3:22 (NKJV)

²² *Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not.*

Lamentations 4:1-6 (NKJV)

¹ How the gold has become dim! *How* changed the fine gold!

The stones of the sanctuary are scattered At the head of every street.

² The precious sons of Zion, Valuable as fine gold,

How they are regarded as clay pots, The work of the hands of the potter!

³ Even the jackals present their breasts To nurse their young;

But the daughter of my people *is* cruel, Like ostriches in the wilderness.

⁴ The tongue of the infant clings To the roof of its mouth for thirst;

The young children ask for bread, *But* no one breaks *it* for them.

⁵ Those who ate delicacies Are desolate in the streets;

Those who were brought up in scarlet Embrace ash heaps.

⁶ The punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people Is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom,

Which was overthrown in a moment, With no hand to help her!

Lamentations 5:1-11 (NKJV)

¹ Remember, O LORD, what has come upon us; Look, and behold our reproach!

² Our inheritance has been turned over to aliens, And our houses to foreigners.

³ We have become orphans and waifs, Our mothers *are* like widows.

⁴ We pay for the water we drink, And our wood comes at a price.

⁵ *They* pursue at our heels; We labor *and* have no rest.

⁶ We have given our hand *to* the Egyptians *And* the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.

⁷ Our fathers sinned *and are* no more, But we bear their iniquities.

⁸ Servants rule over us; *There is* none to deliver *us* from their hand.

⁹ We get our bread *at the risk* of our lives, Because of the sword in the wilderness.

¹⁰ Our skin is hot as an oven, Because of the fever of famine.

¹¹ They ravished the women in Zion, The maidens in the cities of Judah.

Pastor: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God.

Responsory:

The Royal Banners Forward Go

(CHORALE)

1 The roy - al ban - ners for - ward go; The cross shines
forth in mys - tic glow Where he in flesh, our flesh who
made, Our sen - tence bore, our ran - som paid:

2 Where deep for us the spear was dyed,
Life's torrent rushing from his side,
To wash us in that precious flood
Where mingled water flowed and blood.

3 Fulfilled is all that David told
In true prophetic song of old;
Amid the nations, God, said he,
Has reigned and triumphed from the tree.

Pastor: A Reading from St. Paul, the Apostle's Epistle to the Hebrews.

Hebrews 9:11-22 (NKJV)

¹¹ But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. ¹² Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

¹⁵ And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

¹⁶ For where there *is* a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. ¹⁷ For a testament *is* in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives. ¹⁸ Therefore not even the first *covenant* was dedicated without blood. ¹⁹ For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took

the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰ saying, “This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you.” ²¹ Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry. ²² And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

Pastor: Having buried our Lord, they sealed up the sepulchre, rolling a stone before the entrance of the sepulchre: Placing soldiers to guard him.

Responsory:

4 O tree of beauty, tree of light,
O tree with royal purple dight,*
Elect, on whose triumphal breast
Those holy limbs should find their rest;

★ 5 On whose dear arms, so widely flung,
The weight of this world's Ransom hung
The price of humankind to pay
And spoil the Spoiler of his prey.

6 O cross, our one reliance, hail!
So may your power with us avail
To give new virtue to the saint
And pardon to the penitent.

* dight = adorned

7. “To you, eter-nal Three in One,
Let homage meet by all be done,
By all you ransomed and restore;
Oh, guide and gladden evermore.” (*stanza 7 from #168, The Lutheran Hymnal*):

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The Sermon

Ego Dixi (The Song of Hezekiah)

Isaiah 38:10-20

Psalm Tone II



Antiphon: FROM THE || gate of the tomb, | O | Lord, *

Deli- | ver | my | soul.

|| 10 In the prime of my life I shall go to the gates of | She- | ol; *

I am deprived of the remainder | of | my | years.

|| 11 I said, —I shall not see Yah, the Lord in the land of the | liv- | ing; *

I shall observe man no more among the inhabitants | of | the | world.

- || 12 My life span is gone, taken from me like a shepherd's | tent; | - *
 I have cut off my life like a weaver. He cuts me off from the loom; From day until
 night You make an | end | of | me.
- || 13 I have considered until morn -ing (+) —like a lion, so He breaks all my | bones; | - *
 From day until night You make an | end | of | me.
- || 14 Like a crane or a swallow, so I chat -tered; (+) I mourned like a | dove; | - *
 My eyes fail from looking upward. O Lord, I am oppressed; Under- | take | for |
 me!
- || 15 What shall I say? (+) He has both spoken to me, and He Himself has | done | it. *
 I shall walk carefully all my years in the bitterness | of | my | soul.
- || 16 O Lord, by these things men live; (+) And in all these things is the life of my | spir- |
 it; *
 So You will restore me and | make | me | live.
- || 17 Indeed it was for my own peace that I had great bitter -ness; (+) But You have
 lovingly delivered my soul from the pit of cor- | rup- | tion, *
 For You have cast all my sins be- | hind | Your | back.
- || 18 For Sheol cannot thank You, Death cannot | praise | You; *
 Those who go down to the pit cannot hope | for | Your | truth.
- || 19 The living, the living man, he shall praise You, as I do this | day; | - *
 The father shall make known Your truth to | the | child- | ren.
- || 20 The Lord was ready to | save | me; *
 Therefore we will sing my songs with stringed instruments all the days of our life,
 in the house | of | the | Lord.

(The Gloria Patri is omitted.)

Antiphon: || From the gate of the tomb, | O | Lord, *
 Deli- | ver | my | soul.

(A candle is extinguished)

Psalm 150 ☩ —*Laudate Dominum in sanctis eius*

Psalm Tone VII



Antiphon: **ALL - YOU -** || that pass by the way, | at- | tend | and | see, *

If there be sorrow like un- | to | my | sor- | **row.**

|| 1 Praise the Lord! Praise God in His | sanc- | tu- | a- | ry; *

Praise Him in His might- | y | firm- | a- | **ment!** -

|| 2 Praise Him for | His | might- | y | acts; *

Praise Him according to His ex- | cel- | lent | great- | **ness!** -

|| 3 Praise Him with the sound | of | the | trum- | pet; *

Praise Him with | the | lute | and | **harp!** -

|| 4 Praise Him with the | tim- | brel | and | dance; *

Praise Him with stringed in- | stru- | ments | and | **flutes!** -

|| 5 Praise Him | with | loud | cym- | bals; *

Praise Him with | clash- | ing | cym- | **bals!** -

|| 6 Let everything that has | breath | praise | the | Lord. *

Praise | — | the | — | **Lord!** -

(The Gloria Patri is omitted.)

Antiphon: || All you that pass by the way, | at- | tend | and | see, *

If there be sorrow like un- | to | my | sor- | **row.**

(A candle is extinguished)

**The Service continues on the next page with the
Canticle of Zechariah (Benedictus).**

The Benedictus (Luke 1:68-79)

(Six candles on the altar are extinguished.)

Psalm Tone IV



Antiphon for **Wednesday**:

NOW **HIS** - || betrayer
had giv- | en | them | a |
sign, *
saying, “Whomever
I kiss, He | is | the |
One; | seize | Him.”
(Matthew 26:48)

Antiphon for **Thursday**:

THEY **PUT** - || up over
His head the accusation
writ- | ten | a- | gainst |
Him: *
This is Jesus of
Nazareth | the |
King | of | the |
Jews.

(Matt. 27:37 and John 19:19)

Antiphon for **Friday**:

THE **WO** - || men, sit- |
ting | near | the | tomb,
*
Mourned, | weep- |
ing | for | the | Lord.

68 BLESS- **ED** - || is the Lord | God | of | *Is-ra- •* | el, *

For He has visited and | re- | deemed | His | peo- | ple,

69 AND **HAS** - || raised up a horn of salva- | tion | for | us | - *

In the house of | His | ser- | vant | Da- | vid,

70 AS **HE** - || spoke by the mouth of His | ho- | ly | pro- | phets, *

Who have been | since | the | world | be- | gan,

71 THAT **WE** - || should be saved | from | our | *e-ne- •* | mies *

And from the hand | of | all | who | hate | us,

72 TO **PER-** - || form the mercy promised | to | our | fa- | thers *

And to remember | His | ho- | ly | cov- | *e-nant,* •

73 THE **OATH** - || which He swore to our | fa- | ther | *A-bra- •* | ham: *

74 To | — | grant | us | that | we,

BE- **ING** - || delivered from the hand | of | our | *e-ne- •* | mies, *

Might | serve | Him | with- | out | fear,

75 IN **HO-** - || liness and righteous- | ness | be- | fore | Him *

all | the | days | of | our | life.

76 AND **YOU,** - || child, will be called the prophet | of | the | High- | est; *

For you will go before the face of the Lord | to | pre- | pare | His | ways,

77 TO **GIVE** - || knowledge of salvation | to | His | peo- | ple *

By the re- | mis- | sion | of | their | sins,

78 THROUGH **THE** - || tender mercy | of | our | God, | - *

With which the Dayspring from on high | has | vis- | it- | ed | us;

79 TO **GIVE** - || light to those who sit in darkness and the shad- | ow | of | death, | - *

To guide our feet in- | to | the | way | of | peace.

(The *Gloria Patri* is omitted.)

The appropriate Antiphon from above is repeated.

(During the antiphon the final candle is held upon the altar on the Epistle side.)

The Verse

Christ for our sakes became obedient unto death.

On Thursday afternoon:

Christ for our sakes became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross!

On Friday afternoon is also said

Christ for our sakes became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross!

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him and given Him a Name which is above every name.
(from *Philippians 2:9*)

The Lord's Prayer Spoken by all

Our Father who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread

and forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation.

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom

and the power and the glory

forever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 51 (*Miserere mei*) Spoken by the Pastor

Antiphon: "That You may be justified in Your words,

And may overcome when You are judged." (*Romans 3:4*)

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David when Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.

1 Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me.

4 Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight— That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge.

5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me.

6 Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Make me hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken may rejoice.

9 Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

11 Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.

13 Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You.

14 Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, The God of my salvation, And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

- 15 O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.
16 For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering.
17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise.
18 Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem.
19 Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, With burnt offering and whole burnt offering; Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.

“That You may be justified in Your words,
And may overcome when You are judged.”

(Antiphon)

(A candle is extinguished)

The final remaining candle is carried out of sight

Collect

Merciful God, heavenly Father, who has removed from us the grievous burden of our sins and placed it on Your dear Son, our Savior, we humbly implore You to govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may comfort ourselves with His suffering and death in the face of all temptation; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

R. AMEN

Silence, then a loud noise, representing the opening of the tomb, and then the candle is returned to the stand.

The minister and people leave in silence. The offering is received at the door.

Complete ORDER OF TENEBRAE

A large triangular candlestand with 15 candles of yellow wax.

MATINS

First Nocturn

Psalmody

Psalm 69 ☩

Psalm 70 ☩

Psalm 71 ☩

Lessons

Lamentations 1:1-5

Lamentations 1:6-9

Lamentations 1:10-14

Second Nocturn

Psalmody

Psalm 72 ☩ (p.332)

Psalm 73 ☩ (p.332-334)

Psalm 74 ☩

Lessons

St. Augustine on Psalm 55:1

St. Augustine on Psalm 55:1

St. Augustine on Psalm 55:9

Third Nocturn

Psalmody

Psalm 75 ☩

Psalm 76 ☩

Psalm 77 ☩ (p.334)

Lessons

1 Corinthians 11:17-22

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

1 Corinthians 11:27-34

LAUDS

Psalm 51 ☩ (p.329-330)

Psalm 90 ☩ (p.335-336)

Psalm 36 ☩ (p.325-326)

Canticle of Moses (Ex 15:1-19)☩

Psalm 147:1-11 ☩ (p.364)

Canticle of

Zachariah(Benedictus)

MATINS

First Nocturn

Psalmody

Psalm 2 ☩ (p.313-314)

Psalm 22 ☩ (p.319-320)

Psalm 27 ☩ (p.322-323)

Lessons

Lamentations 2:8-11

Lamentations 2:12-15

Lamentations 3:1-9

Second Nocturn

Psalmody

Psalm 38 ☩ (p.326-327)

Psalm 40 ☩

Psalm 54 ☩

Lessons

St. Augustine on Psalm 64:1-3

St. Augustine on Psalm 64:1-3

St. Augustine on Psalm 64:1-3

Third Nocturn

Psalmody

Psalm 59 ☩

Psalm 88 ☩

Psalm 94 ☩

Lessons

Hebrews 4:11-15

Hebrews 4:16-5:3

Hebrews 5:4-10

LAUDS

Psalm 51 ☩ (p.329-330)

Psalm 143 ☩ (p.363)

Psalm 85 ☩

Canticle of Habakkuk () ☩

Psalm 147:12-20 ☩ (p.364-365)

Canticle of

Zachariah(Benedictus)

MATINS

First Nocturn

Psalmody

Psalm 4 ☩ (p.314)

Psalm 15 ☩

Psalm 16 ☩ (p.315-316)

Lessons

Lamentations 3:22

Lamentations 4:1-6

Lamentations 5:1-11

Second Nocturn

Psalmody

Psalm 24 ☩ (p.321)

Psalm 27 ☩ (p.322-323)

Psalm 30 ☩

Lessons

St. Augustine on Psalm 63

St. Augustine on Psalm 64:5-6

St. Augustine on Psalm 64:5-6

Third Nocturn

Psalmody

Psalm 54 ☩

Psalm 76 ☩

Psalm 88 ☩

Lessons

Hebrews 9:11-14

Hebrews 9:15-18

Hebrews 9:19-22

LAUDS

Psalm 51 ☩ (p.329-330)

Psalm 92 ☩ (p.337-338)

Psalm 64 ☩

Canticle of Hezekiah (Is 38) ☩

Psalm 150 ☩

Canticle of

Zachariah(Benedictus)

During the singing the six candles on the altar are put out. ☩☩☩ ☩☩☩

During the antiphon the final candle is held upon the altar on the Epistle side

Verse: "Christ became, for our sake, obedient to death."

Our Father

Psalm 51 (spoken)

The candle is hid behind the altar during the Psalm and prayer.

Prayer

Almighty God, we implore You graciously to be hold this Your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked men and to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A noise is made and then the candle is brought back out shining brightly.